

# Delaware State Police Investigating Gas Station Carjacking – Claymont

**Claymont**– Delaware State Police are investigating a carjacking that took place at the gas pumps of the Sunoco on Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:00 a.m., July 17, 2021, at the gas pumps to Sunoco, located at 3615 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. The 27-year-old male victim pulled up to the gas pumps and exited his silver 2014 Hyundai Elantra. The victim was approached by two suspects both displaying handguns towards the victim. The suspects entered the victim's vehicle and fled the scene northbound on Philadelphia Pike. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects were described as two black males approximately 16-20 years old, wearing all dark clothing and black masks.

There are currently no surveillance images available. The stolen vehicle has not been recovered at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper Bordley of Troop 1 by calling 302-761-6677. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

The Delaware State Police would like to warn the public about a recent increase in thefts of vehicles in the New Castle County area. The Delaware State Police, Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit, has recently seen an increase of vehicle thefts occurring in the Delaware State Police jurisdiction. A majority of the thefts have been occurring at gas stations in which a vehicle was left unattended, idling, or unlocked with the keys left in the vehicle. In many cases, the most common practice is a victim leaving their car running in a parking lot while they go into a store for a quick purchase.

Some car thieves look for cars idling in parking lots. Once they see a car is left unattended, all they have to do is walk up and drive away. The thefts of vehicles can be prevented. Please make sure when you exit your vehicle, your doors are locked, you remove your keys, and you park in a conspicuous location.

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